

REMARKS

By way of this preliminary amendment, original claims 4-6, 10, 13-15, 17, 21-22, and 31-46 have been cancelled without prejudice to their further prosecution. Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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